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AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE USING THE MEDIUM JUDGMENT METHOD

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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